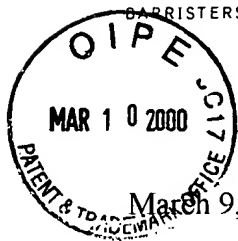


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Dear Sirs:


**Re: United States Patent Application No. 09/397,849**  
**Applicant: Normand, Dominique et al**  
**Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCTION AND RESTORATION OF DATA ELEMENTS PERTAINING TO TRANSMITTED PACKETS IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**  
**Filed: 09/17/99**  
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Enclose please find an Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement dated March 1, 2000 along with a Information Disclosure Citation in an Application form.

We note that the above captioned matter has been assigned to Group Art Unit 3731. Applicant queries whether the Group Art Unit should be 2731 or another Art Unit. To that end, Applicant is sending today a query to the Office of the Initial Patent Examination regarding the Group Art Unit assignment for this matter under separate cover.

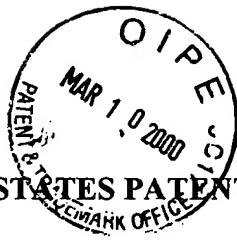
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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed more than three months after the filing date of this application but before the mailing of an Office Action on the merits, to the best of the undersigned counsel's knowledge, and is therefore considered timely under 37 CFR § 1.97(b). It is not believed that the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.97(c) is required. However, in the event that the Examiner rules that a fee is required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account No. 02-2553 for any such fee.

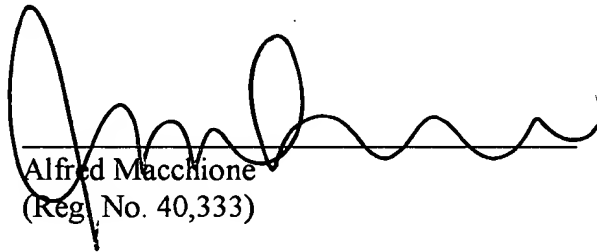
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The foregoing Information Disclosure Statement is based upon the information contained in the undersigned attorney's file as of the filing date of this statement and is inclusive of the best information known to the undersigned at that date. Prompt consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and the references by the Examiner is requested.

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